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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, UR, US
SUBJECT: BRIEFING THE ALLIES ON THE SECRETARY'S MOSCOW
VISIT

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1. OUR NATO ALLIES ARE ALWAYS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN AND
HIGHLY SENSITIVE ABOUT US DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS
WHICH TOUCH ON ISSUES OF ALLIANCE SECURITY. THE RECENT
ERW ISSUE WILL HAVE INTENSIFIED BOTH ALLIED INTEREST AND
SENSITIVITY. WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY FOR THE US THERE-
FORE TO KEEP THE ALLIES CLOSELY INFORMED ABOUT THE
SECRETARY'S APRIL 20-21 VISIT TO MOSCOW.

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2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT MAY BE INCONVENIENT FOR THE
SECRETARY OR A MEMBER OF HIS PARTY TO STOP IN BRUSSELS ON
THE WAY TO MOSCOW AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE A
NAC MEETING DURING THE WEEK OF 17 APRIL, SINCE MOST
PERMREPS WILL BE IN COPENHAGEN FOR THE NPG APRIL 18-19.
WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT:

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- (A) WE COMMENT BRIEFLY TO THE ALLIES ON THE
SECRETARY'S TRIP THIS WEEK. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE
COULD AT LEAST PROVIDE A GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE SUBJECTS
THE SECRETARY PLANS TO TAKE UP AND THAT WE WILL BRIEF
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AFTER THE VISIT. IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR THE APRIL 12 NAC MEETING;

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- (B) SECRETARY BROWN BE PREPARED TO COMMENT AT THE
NPG ON SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP;

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- (C) WHETHER OR NOT A PRE-MOSCOW STOP IS POSSIBLE,

A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY STOP IN BRUSSELS TO
BRIEF THE ALLIES ON APRIL 24 OR 25. BENNETT

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